

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application, and reconsideration of the Office Action dated November 12, 2004. Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 5, 8-11, 27, 32, 37-41, 44, and 46 will remain pending in this application. Previously withdrawn claims 12-26 and 28-30 are canceled. No new matter is incorporated by this Amendment.


The sole outstanding issue concerned the rejection of claim 43 under 35 U.S.C. §112. However, claim 43 has been canceled by this Amendment thereby rendering the rejection moot. Hence, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for immediate allowance. Allowance of this application is earnestly solicited.

If any fees are due in connection with the filing of this Amendment, such as fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17, please charge the fees to Deposit Account 02-4300; Order No. 032301.195.

Respectfully submitted,

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